

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of June 9, 2009.

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Burris et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,533,165 – “Burris”) in view of Ozora et al. (JP3,111,526 – “Ozora”). Further, the Office Action rejected claim 9 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) over Burris in view of Ozora et al. and Adolphs et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,875 “Adolphs”). Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as unpatentable over Burris in view of Ozora et al. and Rebsdorf (U.S. Patent No. 6,619,918 “Rebsdorf”).

In response to the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, applicant has amended claim 2 to correct the improper antecedent basis. No new matter is being added. Applicant respectfully requests to have this rejection withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10 under §103(a) over Burris in view of Ozora

Applicants respectfully state that Burris in combination of Ozora fails to render claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10 obvious. More specifically, Ozora fails to teach or disclose the element, “sealing part consists of a sealing bag”, which as noted by the Examiner, is not disclosed in Burris.

For Examiner’s reference, Applicants attach as Exhibit A, a certified translation of Ozora. Generally, Ozora describes a method for manufacturing a fiber reinforced metal matrix composite. However, it fails to disclose a sealing part consisting of a sealing bag.

Ozora discloses a metal foil bag that is placed on top of laid out fibres and is used as a vacuum foil. The metal foil bag of Ozora is therefore used as a normal vacuum foil. In the present invention, the vacuum foil is placed on top of the sealing bag before the vacuum is

applied and the resin is injected. *See* page 7, line 20 through page 8, line 23, and Fig. 3.

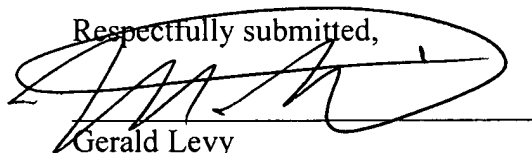
Applicants respectfully request to have the rejection withdrawn for the above reasons.

Rejection of claims 9, 11, and 12 under §103(b) over Burris in view of Ozora and other
secondary references (Adolphs and Rebsdorf)

As explained above, Ozora fails to disclose a sealing part consisting of a sealing bag. Neither, of the secondary references (Adolphs and Rebsdorf) alone or in combination of Burris and Ozora discloses this element. Therefore, claims 9, 11, and 12 are not obvious over the combination of these references. Applicants respectfully request to have the rejection withdrawn.

A request for one month extension of time and fee are enclosed. Applicants do not believe that there are no additional fees due. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account: 50-1145.

Respectfully submitted,

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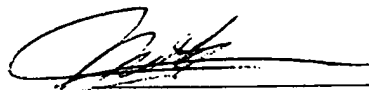
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